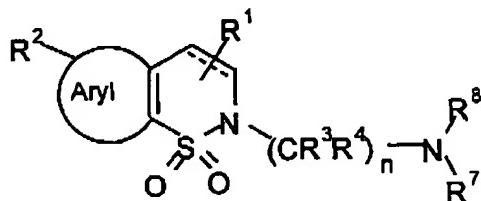


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Amended) A compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of

thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R¹ is H, OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, CONR⁵R⁶, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl; with the proviso that if Aryl is thiophene, then R²≠H or halo, and R¹≠OH

R³, R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, where R⁵ and R⁶ optionally can be joined together to form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring which can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

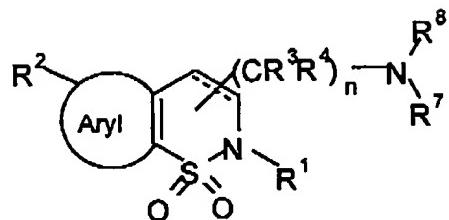
R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

m is 0, 1 or 2

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R¹ is H, C₁₋₅alkyl, C₃₋₅alkenyl, an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thiienyl, pyridyl, and imidazoyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, or CF₃; or C₂₋₅alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl or an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thiienyl, pyridyl, and imidazoyl, which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₃₋₅alkenyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R³ & R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, where R⁵ and R⁶ optionally can be joined together to form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring which can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

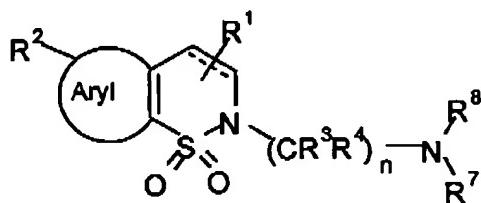
n is 2 to 4;

m is 0, 1 or 2
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

3. (Withdrawn)

4. (Withdrawn)

5. (Currently Amended) A method for lowering IOP which comprises administering to a person in need thereof, a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R¹ is H, OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, CONR⁵R⁶, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl⁶, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R³, R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, where R⁵ and R⁶ optionally can be joined together to form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring which can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

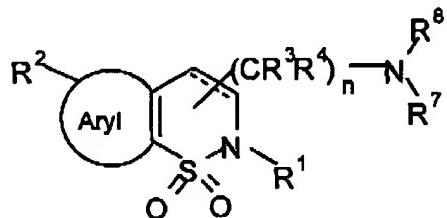
R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

m is 0, 1 or 2

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for lowering IOP which comprises administering to a person in need thereof, a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R^1 is H, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazoyl, which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl, halogen, CF_3 , or $S(=O)_2NR^5R^6$; or C_{2-5} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl or an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazoyl, which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl, halogen, CF_3 , $S(=O)_2NR^5R^6$; or C_{3-5} alkenyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, or $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl;

R^2 is H, halogen, C_{1-3} alkyl, $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R^3 & R^4 are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R^5 , R^6 are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{2-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, where R^5 and R^6 optionally can be joined together to form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring which can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{2-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R^7 , R^8 are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ^3 -piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C_{1-3}

β alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF_3 , OC_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C_{1-4} alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF_3 , OC_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

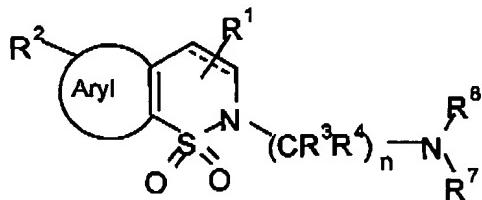
m is 0, 1 or 2

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

7. (Withdrawn)

8. (Withdrawn)

9. (Currently Amended) A method for improving blood flow to the optic nerve head and the retina which comprises administering to a person in need thereof, a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R¹ is H, OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C_{1-3} alkyl, $CONR^5R^6$, $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

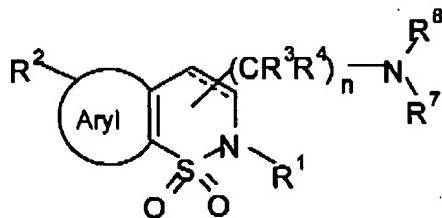
R³, R⁴ are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{2-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, where R⁵ and R⁶ optionally can be joined together to form pyrrolidine or piperidine ring which can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{2-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ^3 -piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or

substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁-3alkyl, or C₁-3alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁-3alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁-3alkyl, or C₁-3alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁-4alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁-3alkyl, or C₁-3alkyl;
n is 2 to 4;
m is 0, 1 or 2
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for improving blood flow to the optic nerve head and the retina which comprises administering to a person in need thereof, a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R¹ is H, C₁-5alkyl, C₃-5alkenyl, an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazoyl, which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁-3alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁-3alkyl, halogen, CF₃, or S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶, or C₂-5alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁-3alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁-3alkyl or an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazoyl, which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁-3alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁-3alkyl, halogen, CF₃, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₃-5alkenyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁-3alkyl, or S(=O)_mC₁-3alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁-3alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁-3alkyl, or C₁-3alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁-3alkyl;

R³ & R⁴ are independently H, C₁-3alkyl, or C₁-3alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁-3alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁-3alkyl, or C₂-3alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁-3alkyl, where R⁵ and R⁶ optionally can be joined to form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring which can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁-3alkyl;

β alkyl, C_{2-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC_{1-3} alkyl;
 R^7 , R^8 are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ^3 -piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C_1 - β alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF_3 , OC_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C_{1-4} alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF_3 , OC_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

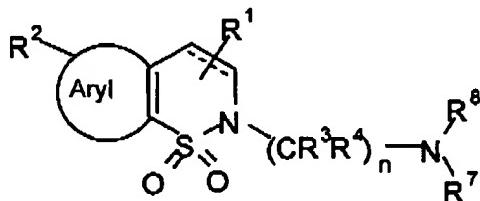
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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

11. (Withdrawn)

12. (Withdrawn)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for treating retinal diseases selected from the group consisting of glaucoma, age related macular degeneration (ARMD), optic neuritis, ischemic disorders, diabetic retinopathy, and retinal edema which comprises administering to a person in need thereof, a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R^1 is H, OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R^2 is H, halogen, C_{1-3} alkyl, $CONR^5R^6$, $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R^3 , R^4 are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R^5 , R^6 are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{2-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl,

where R⁵ and R⁶ optionally can be joined together to form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring which can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁-₃alkyl, C₂-₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁-₃alkyl;

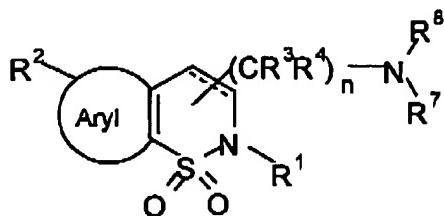
R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁-₃alkyl, or C₁-₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁-₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁-₃alkyl, or C₁-₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁-₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁-₃alkyl, or C₁-₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

m is 0, 1 or 2

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for treating retinal diseases selected from the group consisting of glaucoma, age related macular degeneration (ARMD), optic neuritis, ischemic disorders, diabetic retinopathy, and retinal edema which comprises administering to a person in need thereof, a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R¹ is H, C₁-₅alkyl, C₃-₅alkenyl, an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thiophenyl, pyridyl, and imidazoyl, which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁-₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁-₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, or S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₂-₅alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁-₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁-₃alkyl or an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thiophenyl, pyridyl, and imidazoyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁-₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁-₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₃-₅alkenyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁-₃alkyl, or S(=O)_mC₁-₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R³ & R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, where R⁵ and R⁶ optionally can be joined together to form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring which can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

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15. (Withdrawn)

16. (Withdrawn)

17. (Cancelled)

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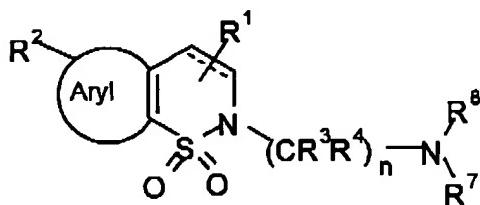
35. (Withdrawn)

36. (Withdrawn)

37. (Withdrawn)

38. (Withdrawn)

39. (Currently Amended) A method for treating persons suffering from a sleeping disorder, depression, schizophrenia, anxiety, circadian rhythm disorders, and centrally and peripherally mediated hypertension, which comprises, administering a composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R¹ is H, OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, CONR⁵R⁶, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R³, R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, where R⁵ and R⁶ optionally can be joined together to form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring which can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

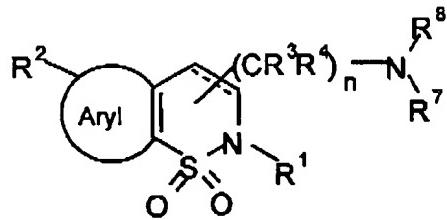
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40. (Currently Amended) A method for treating persons suffering from a sleeping

disorder, depression, schizophrenia, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, circadian rhythm disorders, and centrally and peripherally mediated hypertension which comprises, administering a composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R¹ is H, C₁₋₅alkyl, C₃-salkenyl, an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazoyl, which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, or S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₂₋₅alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl or an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazoyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₃-salkenyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R³ & R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, where R⁵ and R⁶ optionally can be joined together to form a pyrrolidine or piperidine and which can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be

unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

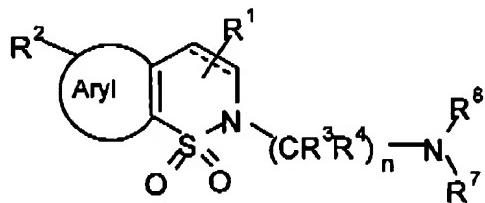
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41. (Withdrawn)

42. (Withdrawn)

43. (Previously Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of

thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R¹ is H, OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, CONR⁵R⁶, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl; with the proviso that if Aryl is thiophene, then R²≠H or halo, and R¹≠OH

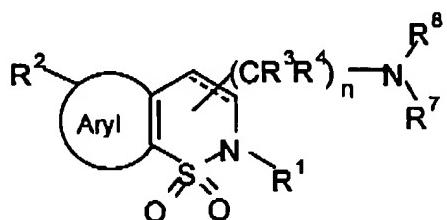
R³, R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, where R⁵ and R⁶ optionally can be joined together to form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring which can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

β alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C_{1-4} alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF_3 , OC_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl;
 n is 2 to 4;
 m is 0, 1 or 2
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

44. (Previously Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;
Aryl signifies a monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;
 R^1 is H, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazoyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl, halogen, or CF_3 ; or C_{2-5} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl or an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazoyl, which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl, halogen, CF_3 , $S(=O)_2NR^5R^6$; or C_{3-5} alkenyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, or $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl;
 R^2 is H, halogen, C_{1-3} alkyl, $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC_{1-3} alkyl;
 R^3 & R^4 are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC_{1-3} alkyl;
 R^5 , R^6 are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{2-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, where R^5 and R^6 optionally can be joined together to form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring which can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{2-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC_{1-3} alkyl;
 R^7 , R^8 are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ^3 -piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted

or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁-alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁-alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

m is 0, 1 or 2

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

45. (Withdrawn)

46. (Withdrawn)

47. (Original) The Compound of Claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

6-Chloro-2-[4-[4-(2H-benzimidazo-2-oxo-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]butyl]-2H-thieno[3,2-e]-1,2-thiazine 1,1-dioxide;

6-Chloro-2-[4-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)butyl]-2H-thieno[3,2-e]-1,2-thiazine 1,1-dioxide;

6-Chloro-2-[4-[4-(2-fluorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl]-2H-thieno[3,2-e]-1,2-thiazine 1,1-dioxide;

6-Chloro-2-[3-[4-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl]-2H-thieno[3,2-e]-1,2-thiazine 1,1-dioxide;

6-Chloro-2-[3-[4-(2H-benzimidazol-2-oxo)piperidin-1-yl]propyl]-2H-thieno[3,2-e]-1,2-thiazine 1,1-dioxide.

48. (Withdrawn)

49. (Withdrawn)